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1. SUMMARY: IN TURNING DOWN THE REQUEST FOR HAITI'S INCLUSION IN THE ASSOCIATION ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE ED AND THE AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN, AND PACIFIC COUNTRIES (ACPS), THE COMMUNITY'S REPLY DOES NOT PRECLUDE LATER CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR ASSOCIATION FROM NON-ACPS. THE REPLY HOWEVER INCLUDES LANGUAGE WHICH SAYS THAT AGREEMENT OF THE COUNTEIS PARTY TO THE EC/ACP ASSOCIATION WOULD BE NECESSARY IN DETERMINING WHAT ACTION COULD BE TAKEN ON SUCH REQUESTS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12 APPROVED THE TEXT OF THE COMMISSION'S DRAFT REPLY TO THE HAITIAN AMBASSADOR (REFTEL A).
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THE LETTER REPLIES TO THE HAITIAN AMBASSADOR'S

NOTE VERBALE OF OCTOBER 1 REQUESTING THE OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TO INCLUDING HAITI IN THE ACP GROUP (REFTEL B). THE RESPONSE TO HAITI WAS DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES ON OCTOBER 31 AND THE DRAFT REPLY WAS SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION UNDER THE ROUTINE "ITEM A" PROCEDURE. TEXT OF THE ENGLISH VERSION IS AS FOLLOWS:

3. BEGIN TEXT: SIR, IN A NOTE VERBALE DATED 1 OCTOBER 1974 YOU INFORMED ME THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI HAD INSTRUCTED YOU TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING FOR HAITI THE STATUS OF STATE ASSOCIATED WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES. THE COUNCIL OF THE COMMUNITIES HAS CAREFULLY EXAMINED YOUR REQUEST AND ASKS ME TO INFORM YOU OF ITS CONCLUSIONS. THE PURPOSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BEGUN ON 25 JULY 1973 IS, FIRSTLY, TO DETERMINE THE TYPE OF ASSOCIATION WHICH IS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE EEC AND CERTAIN AFRICAN STATES AND MADAGASCAR, SET UP BY THE YAOUNDE, ARUSHA AND PORT LOUIS AGREEMENTS, WHICH EXPIRE ON 31 JANUARY NEXT. THE NEGOTIATIONS ALSO COVER ENLARGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION TO INCLUDE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE POTENTIAL ASSOCIATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ACT OF ACCESSION, BY VIRTUE OF THEIR SPECIAL LINKS WITH NEW MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY. IN CONFORMITY WITH THE POSITION WHICH THE COMMUNITY HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED VIS-A-VIS THE INDEPENDENT BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES SOUTH OF THE AHARA, THOSE COUNTRIES IN THIS GROUP WHICH WERE NEITHER ASSOCIATED UNDER THE YAOUNDE, ARUSHA OR PORT LOUIS CONVENTION, NOR MENTIONED IN ANNEX VI TO THE ACT OF ACCESSION, WERE ALSO INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE--AND SINCE THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC STATES ARE DRAWING TO A CLOSE--IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI COULD USEFULLY TAKE PART IN THESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEGOTIATIONS. IF SUBSEQUENTLY, IN THE LIGHT OF THE ARRANGEMENTS INTRODUCED BY THE NEW AGREEMENT, THE COMMUNITY WERE TO RECEIVE FURTHER REQUESTS FOR ASSOCIATION, IT WOULD CERTAINLY EXAMINE THEM AND DETERMINE, AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME AND IN AGREEMENT WITH ALL THE COUNTRIES PARTY TO THE ASSOCIATION, WHAT ACTION

COULD BE TAKEN ON THEM. END TEXT.

4. A UK PERM DEL CONTACT SAID THAT AN EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE TO DROP THE LAST PARAGRAPH BECAUSE IF APPEARED TO LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN FOR FURTHER HAITIAN APPROACHES. THAT EFFORT WAS OVERRULED IN THE INTEREST OF AVOIDING A DIPLOMATICALLY DAMAGING REJECTION. OUR SOURCE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE WORDING OF THE LAST PARAGRAPH MEANS THAT ANY SUBSEQUENT REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN THE ASSOCIATION WILL FACT THE DIFFICULT PROBLEM OF SECURING AGREEMENT OF ALL THE SIGNATORIES. MYERSON

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